

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Four French Ships were sunk this week.

The latest is that Americans may be sent to Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. C. Atkinson and son Lieut. P. J. Atkinson, of Clarksville, were in town Thursday.

E. T. Schmitt will be reappointed postmaster at Louisville for another four years.

The Halifax explosion ranks third in recent American horrors, surpassed only by the Galveston tidal wave and the San Francisco earthquake.

William K. Vanderbilt has contributed 1,000,000 lire to assist the wounded and help the needy in Italy. But all the liars have not been sent to Italy.

Several Hopkinsville soldier boys who had been writing home every few days from Camp Shelby, haven't been heard from for two or three weeks. It is not hard to guess what this means.

Kerensky is reported to be in a safe place, from which he has written a letter abusing his enemies, saying: "It is dishonorable, infamous, fools, it is I, Kerensky, who tell you this. For eight months I safeguarded the liberty of the people and the future happiness of the masses of workers; now they realize that when I was in power liberty was and democracy really existed."

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, I am credibly informed upon the most reliable authority, that there are at the present moment more than 2,500,000 men, women and children in Armenia, Syria and Palestine who are on the verge of starvation; and,

Whereas, If prompt and generous relief is not forthcoming, these millions are doomed to extermination; and,

Whereas, I am satisfied that if the generous and prosperous people of Hopkinsville and Christian county are made aware of these appalling facts they will respond to the appeal of these starving people with all their accustomed and ready generosity; and,

Whereas, the President of these United States has issued a proclamation to the whole country to co-operate in raising such a charity fund as will relieve the deep, dark distress of these starving millions, among whom are 400,000 children under the age of twelve years;

Now, therefore, I, R. T. Stowe, Mayor of the city of Hopkinsville, do hereby designate Sunday, December 16, and the days following until Dec. 31, as the period of time when all our citizens will be requested in the churches, schools, clubs, societies and by personal canvass to contribute to the relief fund of the Armenian, and Palestinian sufferers, and to offerings as generous as possible for the immediate and adequate relief of these starving people whose type is American charity. I request, also, that the people of Christian county join us in this effort to relieve abject and distressing misery.

In witness whereof, I have this day caused this appeal to be made public and have affixed thereto my signature and the seal of the city of Hopkinsville, this 8th day of December, 1917.

R. T. STOWE,

Mayor City of Hopkinsville, Ky.

Church Subscriptions.

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock the members of the First Baptist Church will canvass the membership streets to secure pledge cards for the church expenses for 1918.

Attorney G. W. Southall's health become so much worse that he has been taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hewlett, on Main Avenue. His trouble diagnosed as neuritis and has completely paralyzed him.

DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA

Administration Leaders of Senate and House Push the Resolution Through.

TURKEY NOT AGGRESSOR

Flood Cheered in Defense of Wilson's Wish Not to Include Other Teutonic Allies.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A declaration of war with Austria-Hungary was voted by congress to-day.

Representative Flood spoke at length upon the reasons for not extending the declaration to Germany's other allies. He said such a step merely would strengthen Germany's hold upon Bulgaria and Turkey.

The situation of the American missionaries in Turkey, now being well treated, was also touched upon and Mr. Flood pointed out that while Turkish interests in the United States are insignificant, those of the United States in the Ottoman empire are very large. There is nothing to fear from Turks in this country, he said, as most of them are Christians, Assyrians and Armenians.

The attitude of the house was indicated by the cheering of Representative Flood's reply.

MR. GRAY DIED LAST WEEK

Well Known Citizen of Pembroke a Victim of Cancer.

W. H. Gray, a prominent citizen of Pembroke, died last week after a long illness of cancer of the stomach. Mr. Gray was a member of the Baptist church and a much esteemed citizen. He was a widower, his wife having died many years. Two sisters, Mrs. William Wolfe, with whom he made his home; Mrs. Wash Rose, and two brothers, T. D. Gray, of this city, and R. D. Gray, of the county, survive.

Methodist Church.

Rev. Lewis Powell, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. J. H. Cate, Superintendent. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Miss Bertha Turner, President. Dr. Powell will preach at 10:45 a. m. on "Perseverance in 'Well Doing,'" and at 7 p. on "The Siege of a Great City and How Relief Came."

Everybody should heed the Providential call to prayer and claim his place in God's sanctuary. If you are a real patriot you will not stay away from church on Sunday. Gladstone said one reason he went to church regularly was that he loved the English people.

BAKERS TO BOOST PRICES

Government Loaf of one pound Less Than Present 10-cent Size.

Ten cents a loaf is the price several leading bakeries of Louisville have fixed or will fix for the standardized sixteen-ounce loaf of bread established by regulations of the United States Food Administration. In its regulations the Government standardized the weight and the ingredients, without saying anything about the price. The regulations go into effect December 10.

Miss Mildred Wharton is visiting Mrs. R. C. Roach in Clarksville.

TO CRUSH ITALIAN ARMY

Hun Hosts Are Continually Swelled by Withdrawals From Russian Front.

ITALIANS STILL RESISTING

More Than 60 of Diaz' Guns Seized Berlin War Office Declares.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With the United States will probably soon be sending troops to the aid of Italy, as well as sending money and supplies, the house foreign affairs committee formally reported the resolution for war on Austria-Hungary.

On the Italian front the Austro-Germans are making frantic attempts to break through the Italian positions and debouch upon the plain of Venetia.

In the Asiago plateau region battles of almost unprecedented violence are taking place, the teutonic allies using a great array of guns and thousands of men in their efforts to overcome the Italian resistance.

On the Meletta sector the enemy made some slight advances, but only through the sacrifice of large numbers of men, the Italians resisting determinedly, foot by foot.

To the east an enemy attempt to carry the Italian line of defense in the upper Brenta valley met with repulse and heavy casualties.

The Berlin war office in a communication announcing the taking of the Meletta positions, says that in the new offensive of the Teutonic allies, 11,000 Italians have been taken prisoners and that more than sixty guns have been captured.

7 KILLED IN AIR RAID ON LONDON

Two of 25 Raiders Brought Down and Crews Captured --21 British Injured

London, Dec. 7.—Seven persons were killed and twenty-one injured in the air raid, Chancellor Bonar-Law announced yesterday in the house of commons. Of the victims three were killed and ten injured in London. About twenty-five airplanes raided and of these six reached London.

Two of the raiders were brought down the crews of three men on each machine being captured.

PICKED MEN IN TALL CO.

Four Hopkinsville Boys In the Mounted Police Company.

A picture has been received here of a company of 150 soldiers in one of the mounted police companies at Hattiesburg. It is a picked company of six-footers and there are several Hopkinsville boys conspicuous in the front rank, including Harry Tappan, Carroll Blakemore, Dennis and Oscar Jenkins. The last named is one of the Kentuckian's four printers in the service.

Do It Today

It is very imperative that every man registered in Christian county whose address has been changed from that given on his registration card shall notify the Local Draft Board at once of change. Questionnaires will be sent to each man in a few days and this will necessitate correct addresses NOW. Attend to this today.

By authority of The Adjutant General.

2,000 LIVES LOST IN HALIFAX EXPLOSION

Worst and Most Destructive Holocaust Since San Francisco Fire of 1906.

VISIONS OF GERMAN RAID

Hundreds of Children while in School are Trapped by Falling Walls.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—With the toll of dead steadily mounting, it is now believed that more than 2,000 persons perished in the explosion and fire which followed the collision Wednesday morning in Halifax harbor between a munitions laden French ship and another vessel loaded with supplies for the Belgian relief commission.

The disaster which has plunged the dominion into mourning probably will rank as the most fearful that ever occurred on the American continent. Residents of Halifax and thousands of volunteer relief workers who have come into the city have been almost dazed at the extent of the horror.

The city was in darkness to-night except for the flames of the fires still burning in the wrecked buildings of the north end. The electric light and gas plants have been virtually destroyed and the only lights available are kerosene lamps. They furnish the illumination by means of which surgeons and doctors toiled heroically throughout the night caring for the injured.

Soldiers, sailors and police patrolled the streets to-night and upon them fell the major portion of the burden of searching amongst the ruins for the dead and injured.

The flame-swept area covers approximately two and a half square miles. Nothing has been left standing in this section. Only a pile of smoldering ruins marks the spot where the great building of the American Sugar Refinery stood. The dry-dock and all the buildings which surrounded it were destroyed.

The Richmond school, that housed hundreds of children, was demolished and it is reported that only three escaped.

Canadian officers who have seen long service in France, characterize the catastrophe as "the most fearful which has befallen any city in the world."

Chief of Police Hanrahan late last night estimated the number of killed at 2,000. Other city officials expressed the belief that it would exceed that number.

Virtually all of the north end of the city was laid waste and the property damage will run far into millions. A part of the town of Dartmouth, across the harbor from Halifax, also was wrecked. Nearly all of the buildings in the dock-yard there are in ruins.

The collision occurred near pier 8, in the Narrows leading from the harbor to Bedford Basin. The munitions ship was bound from New York for Bedford Basin when the relief ship, bound for sea, crashed into her.

The Mont Blanc was pierced on the port side almost to the engine room. The other ship, which was only slightly damaged, backed away when flames burst out on the munitions ship and was abandoned by the crew.

The captain of the Mont Blanc also ordered his crew to the boats as he realized an explosion was inevitable. The men reached shore safely before the tremendous blast, seventeen minutes later, blew their ship to pieces and wrecked a large part of the city.

The business life of the city had just begun for the day. Persons in the street were picked up bodily and hurled to the ground. Occupants of office buildings were covered under showers of falling glass and plaster.

NASHVILLE SAILOR BOY IS KILLED

In a Seaplane Accident In War Zone.

Admiral Sims reports, a seaplane accident in the war zone in which one American sailor was killed and a gunner's mate injured.

Seaman Claude Albert Baker was killed and his body has not been recovered. It is assumed that the accident occurred at sea, though this was not definitely stated in the dispatch. Baker enlisted at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1916.

Richard Thompson, first-class gunner's mate, suffered a fracture of the right thigh.

DAMAGE SUIT FOR \$10,000

That Amount is Asked From the Mogul Wagon Company.

G. W. Morgan, next friend for Robert Morgan, aged nineteen years, has filed suit against the Mogul Wagon Company for \$10,000 damages. In the petition it is charged that while working for the defendant company last June Robert Morgan was badly injured when a set screw in a piece of machinery caught in his clothing and he was whirled about and cut and bruised before he could be liberated. It is further alleged that the defendant company did not provide the youth a safe place to work.

Houses in the Richmond section crumpled up and collapsed burying their tenants.

In the main part of the city, where the buildings are chiefly of stone or concrete, the damage was confined to the shattering of windows, and most of the casualties in this section were caused by flying glass.

In the west and northwest ends the damage was more extensive and there the walls of many houses were blown to bits. It was in Richmond, however, opposite the scene of the explosion, that the havoc was greatest. Whole blocks of dwellings, mostly of frame construction, were levelled.

In scores of cases occupants of houses who had escaped without injury, or who were only slightly hurt, were baffled by the flames in the search for their families and were forced to stand by impotently while what had once been their homes became funeral pyres for their loved ones.

Five minutes after the explosion the streets in all parts of Halifax were filled with frenzied and panic-stricken throngs trying to reach the outskirts in an effort to escape what they believed was a German fleet. Hundreds of them had been cut by the shower of glass which followed the explosion.

In the Richmond section scenes enacted defied description. Seriously injured men and women crawled from the wreckage of their homes and lay in the streets until they were removed in ambulances and automobiles to hospitals. Those less seriously hurt aided those more gravely injured.

In the streets, piled with debris, were found the shattered bodies of many women and children. Several children were crushed to death when they were hurled against telegraph poles by the force of the explosion.

Virtually every building in the city which could be converted into a hospital is filled with wounded, many of them so desperately injured that there is no hope for their recovery. Scores already have died in these temporary hospitals.

An ever increasing number is being taken from the completely devastated Richmond district to the relief station. An army of rescue workers is searching the ruins for bodies and for those who have survived amidst the wreckage left by the explosion and fire.

BYNG LESSENS HIS NEW LINE

Withdrawal Cuts Eighteen-Mile Sweep to Ten—Foe Claims Many Captives

HUNS SEE GREAT VICTORY

And Increase their Claims of Western Prisoners to At Least 9,000.

The carefully laid plans of General Byng to withdraw his troops at various points on the Cambrai salient to more tenable positions have been carried out in perfect order and apparently without the Germans even having knowledge of the movement.

The falling back was made necessary by wedges driven into the salient last week by the Germans, which on several sectors threatened disaster to the British, should they continue to hold their positions. From an arc extending before Cambrai, a distance of about 18 miles, the new British front has been lessened to a length of about ten miles with the bases resting in the north in the region of Mouves and in the south near Gonnelieu.

As a result of the backward movement the Germans announce re-occupation of Graincourt, Noyelles and the woods and heights north of Marcoing, and claim that their uncontested gain has been to a depth of about two and a half miles over a front of six and a quarter miles. The Berlin war office asserts that since the German offensive in the Cambrai region began British prisoners in excess of 9,000 and 148 guns have been taken.

TOP PRICE FOR FINE FARM

Allan Owen Sells His Farm For \$125 an Acre.

Several big real estate deals have been reported during the last few days.

Allan Owen has sold his farm of 303 acres, on the Julien pike, to Mr. Moss, a Hart county farmer, for \$125 an acre. This is a fine farm and the price paid shows the steady advance in Christian county farm lands. Mr. Owen in turn will buy the Rossington place, owned by his father-in-law, Mr. G. H. Stowe.

E. H. Reynolds has sold his farm of something more than 300 acres to Will Reeves for \$100 an acre. Mr. Reeves a few weeks ago bought the L. P. Pool place and sold it at an advance.

Mrs. Ellis Dead.

Mrs. Eunice Elizabeth Ellis, widow of the late Ira F. Ellis, died yesterday morning, aged 93 years. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock, at the residence.

Alex Wallace Sells Farm

Alex Wallace, of Cerulean Springs, has sold his Christian county farm near Bainbridge to Henry Woosley and Guy Pool.

R. H. Kelly Dead.

Mr. Robert Kelly died yesterday near Pembroke, aged 73 years.

Two Trustees Named.

At the recent meeting of the Baptist Association two new trustees of Bethel Woman's College were appointed. Bailey Waller succeeds himself and M. H. Tandy will fill an existing vacancy. Their terms are for four years.

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